

Neighborhood Plan Update Phase II Workshop with Seniors & Persons Living with Disabilities Community

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Center Park

Part I: Places and Connections

Exercise to discuss gaps and opportunities for improving pedestrian, bike and transit connectivity. (Where do you live/work/shop and mode of travel)

They walk or travel by wheelchair to:

- Park (east of African American Museum, south side of I-90); walk/roll north along MLK walk/roll north along 25th Ave. S. Problems – NE corner of Holgate/25th has no curb cuts, cars parked on street in front of Red Cross often encroach on sidewalk.
- Bus stop on MLK just north of Walker
- Bus stop on Rainier at Walker; walk/roll west on Walker to bus stop due to grade of the hill, return from bus stop by walking/rolling north on Rainier to Hill, east on Hill. Problems – no sidewalks on south side of Walker.
- Businesses along Rainier (QFC, RiteAid, Bartells, Taco Time, bank, Lowes, etc.) walk/roll south on 25th Ave. S. Problems – sidewalk has no curbs, near Pepsi bottling semi-trucks often park on sidewalk and sidewalk in poor repair.
- NOT walk/roll south on MLK because sidewalks are narrow

Part II: Building a Great Town Center

Exercise to explore relationships between number of households, retail destinations, parks and walkability. (Creating a town center, housing density, building heights, etc)

- Buildings taller than currently allowed would be okay if required to provide some affordable housing units &/or green space
- Consider placement of taller buildings to preserve view corridors

Part III: Emerging Priorities and Opportunities

Capturing new ideas or major concepts (new themes and remaining issues)

- One person was concerned about Metro Rte 42. What will replace it? Where will she catch the bus?
- Would like to see a pedestrian/bike path along wooded hillside west of Rainier/light rail station/MLK
- Liked the idea of creating a pedestrian mall/Main Street on Rainier around the immediate station area. Would be okay if buses continued to use this pedestrian mall.